

originated close in time to a time at which the defect-rectification measures were carried out.

10. A method for testing subscriber access lines as claimed in claim 7,
5 wherein, if malfunctions are identified, fault signaling relating to an occurrence of a telecommunications connection is supplied to relevant telecommunications subscribers.

11. A method for testing subscriber access lines as claimed in claim
10 10, wherein the fault signaling occurs during occurrence of a dialing tone in the case of an outgoing telecommunications connection.

12. A method for testing subscriber access lines as claimed in claim
10, wherein, in the case of an incoming telecommunications connection, the fault
15 signaling is an announcement in which an institution emitting the fault message is included, a conference connection being set up for the announcement.

REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects
typographical errors in the specification in order to conform the specification to
20 the requirements of the United States Patent practice. No new matter is added
thereby. Original claims 1-6 has been canceled in favor of new claims 8-12.
Claims 8-12 have been presented solely because the revisions by bracketing and
underlining which would-have been necessary in claims 1-6 in order to present the
claim in accordance with preferred United States Patent practice would have been
25 too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The amendment is
intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to
patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the
cancellation of claims 1-6 does not constitute an intent on the part of the
Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-6.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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